



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Boppana et al.  
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATED ACCURATE PRE-LAYOUT ESTIMATION OF STANDARD CELL CHARACTERISTICS  
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**AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants are submitting the present document in response to an Office Action dated 9 MAR 2006 (hereinafter "the Office Action") for the above-noted application. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to Claims** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.